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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TDY CONSULTATIONS ON SOVIET EMIGRATION

ROME FOR INS FALCHER

VIENNA FOR INS BOBEK

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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ROME AND VIENNA COOPERATION IN RECEIVING FOR BRIEF TDY CONSULTATIONS VICE CONSUL P. FOURIER, WHO HAS HAD PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMIGRATION/IMMIGRATION MATTERS IN MOSCOW SINCE HIS TRANSFER FROM CONSULAR SECTION TEHRAN IN JUNE 1974. TDY TRAVEL MOSCOW-VIENNA-MOSCOW AUTHORIZED FOR FOURIER IN CONNECTION WITH THRESHOLD INTERVIEW SCHEDULED FOR VIENNA SEPT 16 (REFTEL B), WHILE VIENNA-ROME-VIENNA TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WOULD BE FUNDED BY MOSCOW.

2. PRIMARY PURPOSE THESE CONSULTATIONS, LIKE THOSE ARRANGED FOR STEINER IN MARCH 1974 (REFTEL A), WOULD BE TO INCREASE EMBASSY ABILITY TO COUNSEL SOVIET EMIGRANTS ON PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES AT OTHER POSTS INVOLVED IN COMPLEX EX-USSR EMIGRATION MATTERS. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, FOURIER'S DUTIES UNDER TCP PROGRAM ARE

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CLOSELY RELATED AND TO A LARGE EXTENT DEPENDENT ON PRACTICES

OF INS AND VOLAGS IN ROME. IN ADDITION, SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS WITH EXIT PERMISSION FOR ISRAEL ARE CALLING AT EMBASSY IN EVER-INCREASING NUMBERS TO REQUEST EMBASSY INFORMATION RE A "DIRECTION CHANGE" AT VIENNA, AND CONSULTATIONS WOULD SERVE TO COORDINATE EMBASSY ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF OTHER POSTS CONCERNED.

3. FOR ROME: FOURIER WOULD WISH CONSULT WITH INS DISTRICT PERSONNEL RE MECHANICS AND LEGAL BASIS OF TCP PROCESSING AS WELL AS DISCUSS PROCEDURES IN SECURITY INELIGIBILITY CASES. MEETINGS WITH VOLAGS (WCC AND UHS) PERSONNEL AND A FIRSTHAND VIEW OF ACTUAL CASE PROCESSING WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE EMBASSY'S ABILITY COUNSEL EMIGRANTS AND ALERT EMBASSY TO POSSIBLE CHANGES NECESSARY IN ITS OWN PROCEDURES.

4. FOR VIENNA: FOURIER WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY CONFER WITH UHS AND OBSERVE HANDLING OF EMIGRANTS WHO DESIRE CHANGE DESTINATION FOR ROME AND US.

5. TENTATIVE ITINERARY, SUBJECT TO VIENNA AND ROME CONCURRENCE:
A. SEPTEMBER 17: VIENNA CONSULTATIONS AS MAY BE ARRANGED;
B. SEPTEMBER 18: VIENNA-ROME VIA AZ FLIGHT 257, ETA FIUMICINO 1620, FOLLOWED BY CONSULTATIONS AS MAY BE ARRANGED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20.

5. AIR RESERVATIONS WOULD BE BOOKED MOSCOW. FOURIER WOULD APPRECIATE ROME ASSISTANCE IN SECURING MODERATELY PRICED DOUBLE HOTEL ROOM FOR SELF AND WIFE CONVENIENT TO EMBASSY FOR SEPTEMBER 18,19,20.
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